

IMPACTS OF THE 2004 EU ENLARGEMENT ON GREECE

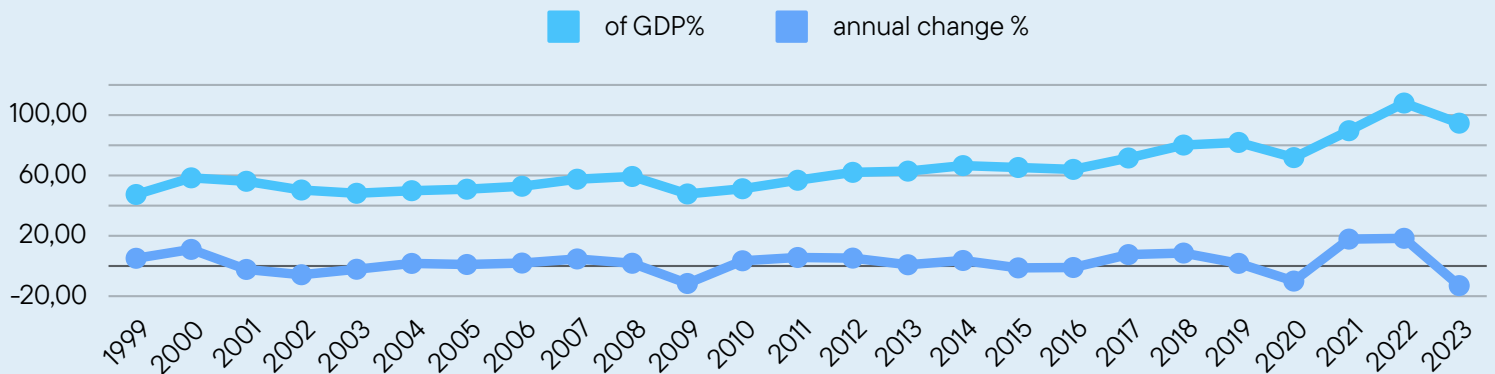
GDP Per capita in Purchasing power

This graph illustrates **Greece's GDP (PPP) in USD per year from 1999 to 2023**. The data highlights a notable peak in the years following the **2004 EU enlargement, reflecting economic growth** during this period. However, GDP (PPP) experienced a significant **decline in the years leading up to and during the global financial crisis**, showcasing the impact of economic challenges on Greece's purchasing power and overall output.



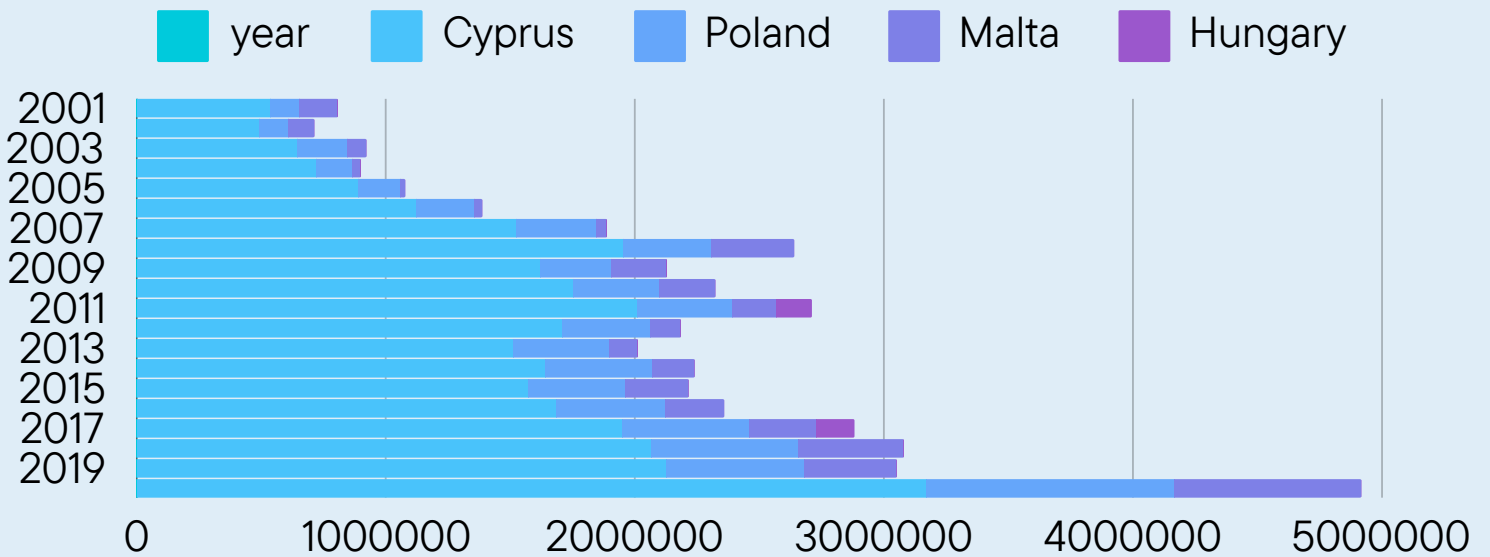
Trade in goods and services (change in the share of exports of goods and services as % of the GDP)

This graph depicts the change in the share of exports of goods and services as a percentage of GDP for Greece from 1999 to 2023, showing a **relatively stable period in the four years following the 2004 EU enlargement**.



Value of exports to new EU MS before and after the 2004 enlargement

This graph shows the value of **exports from Greece to new EU member states in US dollars**, spanning the period before and after the 2004 enlargement until 2022. The data highlights a **noticeable rise in export value following the accession of new members to the EU in 2004**.



Labour force coming from new EU MS

This graph illustrates the **labour force coming to Greece from new EU member states**, included under the category of "other European countries." The data shows a **rise from the 2000s onwards compared to the 1990s**, reflecting increased labour mobility following EU enlargement.

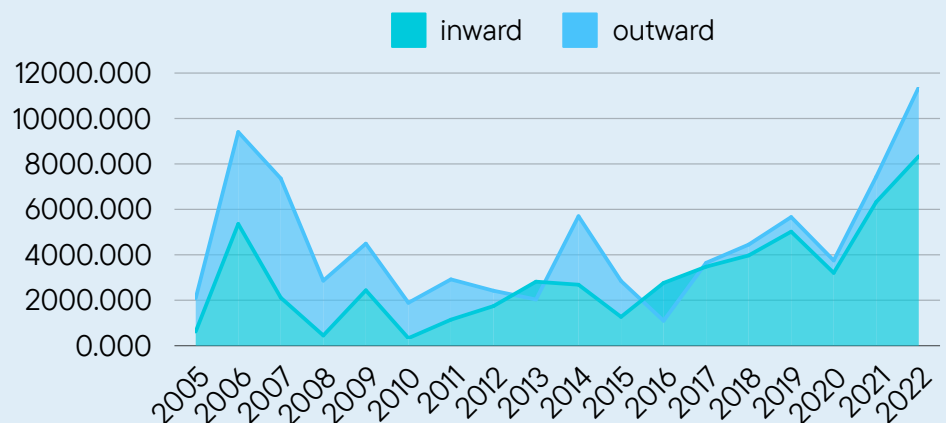
All new EU member states are included in the category "other European countries"

Table 2. Main countries of origin by decade of arrival to Greece

Country of birth	Total	Year of immigration			
		Before 1989	1990-1999	2000-2009	2010-2021
Albania	45.1%	5.4%	56.1%	50.6%	41.3%
Other Balkan countries	7.1%	3.2%	5.0%	11.4%	9.5%
Other European countries	14.7%	46.1%	7.5%	9.6%	15.0%
Former USSR countries	22.0%	15.4%	27.8%	20.1%	14.0%
Asia	3.9%	3.7%	1.7%	3.9%	11.9%
Africa	3.1%	11.7%	0.7%	2.1%	2.9%
America & Australia	3.5%	12.5%	1.0%	2.0%	4.8%
Unspecified	0.6%	2.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%

Total amount of Greek FDI from 2005 to 2022 in million US Dollars

This graph presents the **total amount of Greek Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)**, both inward and outward, from 2005 to 2022, measured in million US dollars.



Greek FDI to new EU MS from 2003 to 2019

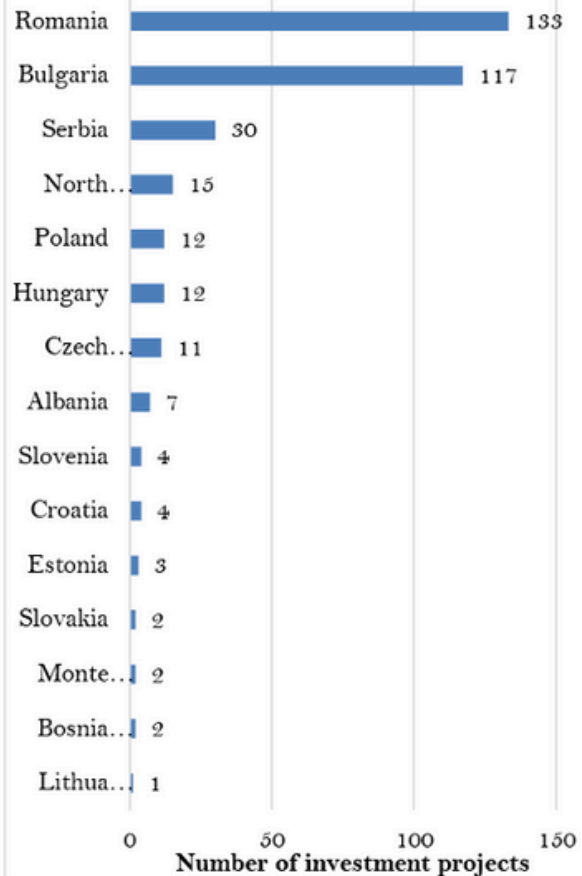
This graph shows **Greek Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** to new EU member states (EU MS) and Central and Eastern European countries (CEEC) from 2003 to 2019.

Source: Dimitris Giakoulas, 2021, Trends and Patterns of Greek Outward FDI in CEE Countries, International Journal of Business and Economic Sciences Applied Research

Figure 2. Greek FDI in the CEEC. Sum of invested capital 2003-2019.



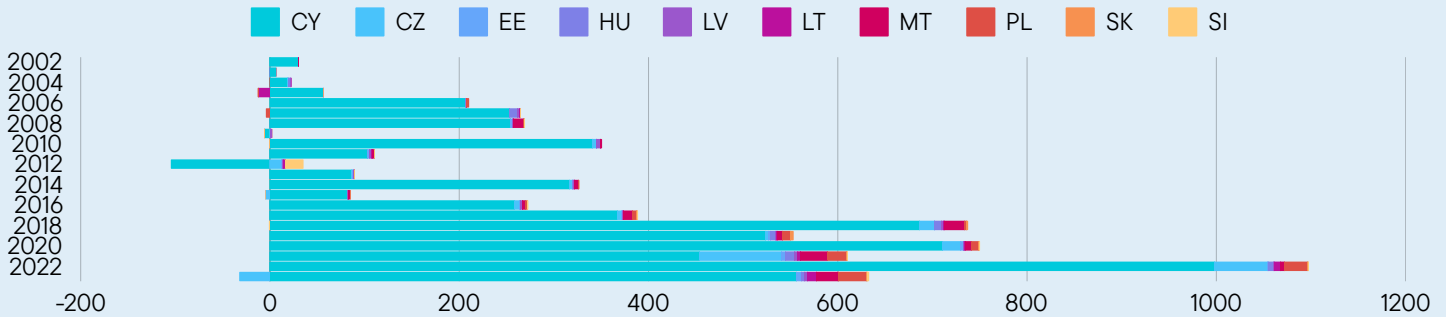
Figure 3. Greek FDI in the CEEC. Sum of projects 2003-2019



Source: FDI Markets

FDI Flows from new EU member states between 2002 and 2023

This graph illustrates **FDI flows from new EU member states to Greece from 2002 to 2023**, measured in millions of euros. The data highlights a **notable rise in investment following the accession of these countries to the EU**.



Cross border cooperation

With regard to cross border cooperation, **Greece has been implementing more than one hundred projects mainly with Cyprus**. There have been four frameworks of funding

Indicative

Interreg III-A Greece-Cyprus (2000-2006) 44 projects
Interreg IV-A Greece-Cyprus (2007-2013) 59 projects
Interreg V-A Greece-Cyprus (2014-2020) 52 projects

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Interreg V-A Greece-Cyprus (2014-2020):

Total Budget: €54,072,416

EU Contribution: €45,961,551

National Contributions: €8,110,865

Focus Areas: Competitiveness and entrepreneurship, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, environmental conservation, and risk prevention.

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Interreg VI-A Greece-Cyprus (2021-2027):

Total Budget: €57,489,019

EU Contribution: €45,991,214

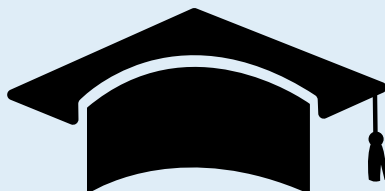
National Contributions: €11,497,805

Focus Areas: Environmental protection, climate adaptation, promotion of socio-economic development through culture and sustainable tourism, and enhanced security and protection in the region



Foreign students

Greece has a very small number of foreign students in tertiary education. It's roughly about **3% of the total population and most of them come from Cyprus, Albania and Germany**. There is a lack of data about new EU MS after 2004. In 2017-2018 students from Cyprus in Greece were 14.000.



Greek universities with Erasmus cooperation agreements with institutions in Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia include major public universities, such as:

- **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)**
- **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)**
- **University of Patras**
- **University of Crete**
- **Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB)**
- **University of the Aegean**
- **Democritus University of Thrace**
- **University of Ioannina**

